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**Swollen Lug Nuts**

Had to replace all 16 at the dealership today for $116...

Who else had this problem?

What did you replace your Ford lug nuts with?

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02-06-2017, 04:52 PM #2

Capri to ST

Member

This happened to me after my hernia surgery...😎

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Seriously, good post, I would like to know too. I have and like Muteki SR35's on my other car, and I think a vendor on here offered those with the wheels it was selling.

**2016 KONA BLUE FIESTA ST**
**RECAROS, 17 x 7 TD PRO RACE 1.2 WHEELS**
**1995 ACURA NSX-T**

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02-06-2017, 06:03 PM #3

kansei

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lol I googled it because I've literally never heard of such a thing. What a weird issue. For the lazy, it's when a two piece lug nut gets moisture or something between the layers and corrosion expands the outer layer, which is the bit your lug nut wrench goes over. I only saw the stock lug nuts once when I was replacing them, but I do remember them looking multi-piece.

Now I wonder why car companies would choose to use lug nuts like these.

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> *Seriously, good post, I would like to know too. I have and like Muteki SR35's on my other car, and I think a vendor on here offered those with the wheels it was selling.*

I've been using the Muteki SR48 which is basically just the extended length version of the SR35 from the looks of it. Plenty of great aftermarket lug nuts out there though.

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02-06-2017, 07:24 PM #4

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I went with these for replacements to avoid any issues with the OEM lugs. $116 seems crazy to pay.

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02-06-2017, 07:27 PM #5

**DangerMouse**

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Ouch. I picked up some black gorilla lug nuts on amazon for $35, I need to stop being lazy and put them on.

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rweidman

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You are not alone. I will have to replace mine this spring as I go back to my summer tires. Lugs from Tire Rack have never given me any problems. Any other recommended replacements.

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02-06-2017, 07:46 PM #7

DangerMouse

Member

> Originally Posted by **rweidman**

> *You are not alone. I will have to replace mine this spring as I go back to my summer tires. Lugs from Tire Rack have never given me any problems. Any other recommended replacements.*

You just reminded me, I have lug nuts from tire rack on the car already. I'll throw my stock ones in the recycle bin.

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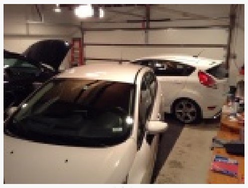

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I had this problem on two of my Fiestas. While I replaced the set on my ST with a new set I received gratis from an acquaintance, I also ordered several 25/32 sockets (perfect fit for my swollen nuts) online to go along with the Gorilla tools I keep in each car.

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**16 Fiesta SE White/Black Pkg**
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02-07-2017, 03:52 AM #9

kevinatfms

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Went with McGard one piece lug nuts. This has been a problem since the mid 2000's when I worked at Ford. Crappy cheap design.

Sent from my iPhone using Tapatalk

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15 Fiesta ST Oxford White
2017 Chevy Colorado Z71 Duramax Graphite

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02-07-2017, 07:22 AM #10

awwwww_shift

Member

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Ford and Chrysler are notorious for having these issues.

McGuard makes really good stock replacements, along with a newer company TPR(TaperPro). I've had a host of lugs in the past, and for stock-looking chromes, either of these are good.

As far as alternatives, stay away from the cheaper Chinese options(unless you want to replace them once a year). I liked my Rays lugs, but the pricetag may be a lot for some. Muteki makes a good product as well as Gorilla.
If I'm buying another set for my car currently, I'm

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looking into titanium stuff.... but i'm crazy like that...
lol

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02-07-2017, 09:43 AM #11

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I had a fellow fist owner warn me about this same issue with his lugs and i switched mine out to mcgards for about $50 total with locks and never looked back

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02-07-2017, 09:55 AM #12

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What is a good place to buy the Mcgards amazon is expensive? gorillas aren't too bad 35 for a full set.

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02-07-2017, 10:19 AM #13

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i got mine on amazon, i think i paid $8 each for 3 sets of 4 and then like $20-$25 for the set of 4 locks

**Likes Received:** 82

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**MichiganST**

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> Originally Posted by **PENN**
>
> *Had to replace all 16 at the dealership today for $116...*
>
> *Who else had this problem?*
>
> *What did you replace your Ford lug nuts with?*

Odd question, but would you be able to try to get those lugs from the dealership and send to me? I work at Ford and one of my co-workers and I are trying to show how big of an issue these lugs are. I can pay the shipping if need be.

As for what's happening, the lugs are a two-piece design that has a stainless cap over the standard lug. As others have said, the swelling is probably caused by corrosion under the cap. Another problem that can occur is that the cap can deform under load (even just trying to remove the lugs with the provided tool in your trunk) and will no longer fit a socket.

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02-07-2017, 10:33 AM #15

**Kazz**

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Are you folks that are experiencing this problem running those lug nuts in winter weather? I have a separate set of wheels, tires, and lug nuts for winter. I'm guessing that would avoid this issue?

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2016 Fiesta ST - stock (for now) on 93 octane
2003 Evo VIII - 400 awhp on 93 octane
2000 Celica GT-S - 187 fwhp on 93 octan

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02-07-2017, 12:23 PM #16

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> Originally Posted by **Kazz**
> *Are you folks that are experiencing this problem running those lug nuts in winter weather? I have a separate set of wheels, tires, and lug nuts for winter. I'm guessing that would avoid this issue?*

It will help, but not eliminate it. I stripped off the outer cover on one of the lugs on my '12 SE even before it saw it's first sub 32� day.

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02-07-2017, 01:13 PM #17

**awwwww_shift**

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One piece of advice I've used in the past on my Neons(same stupid cap design) is to squirt a little wd-40 in the cap before threading the nut on the stud. DO NOT lubricate the stud! (different story for a different thread, but basically lubrication and proper torquing methods don't mix well).

Anyways, the wd-40 keeps most of the moisture from getting between the nut and the cap, and the lugs tend to a) come off easier, and b) last much longer before deforming.

There's no way to eliminate this issue with this style lug, but the wd-40 will slow the process substantially.

Just a tip.

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02-12-2017, 05:20 PM #18

**Nickey427**

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These lug nuts are a huge problem, I work at a used car dealership, we've replaced 500+ of these in the past 6 months. PN# 611-303 from dorman is what I use from the aftermarket, they can be had for significantly less than buying from the dealer.

Personally, I just replaced mine was a set of gorilla nuts.

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**Blindeye_03**

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Didnt know this issue was so big... Before I bought my FiST I had a FoST and had no issues changing a flat with 16k miles (1 yr old) on the ODO. I can only assume they use the same type of lug nuts.

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03-26-2017, 12:30 PM #20

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Web Search: Swollen Nuts top result (click here)

What is the maximum torque that the nuts are rated for ?
If they're being over-torqued, that may explain the damage.

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03-26-2017, 04:44 PM #21

M-Sport fan

Senior Member

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I installed a set of new, black chrome McGards (closed end acorn) I had left over from my Z28 on the factory wheels for now.

I am also thinking about open ended titanium lugs for my 1.2s when they arrive for summer use.

Magnetic 2016 Fiesta ST base model

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03-27-2017, 05:58 PM #22

**Ernie**

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I took off a wheel for the first time today to install a diverter valve. The lug nuts were almost impossible to get a socket around (used a hammer on two of the four). I figured it was a tire installation problem (over tightened and rounded with an impact wrench). Went and bought 4 OEM nuts before I put the wheel back on and then did a search for lug nuts on this site.

Yes, terrible design.

I went on Amazon and ordered these as a complete replacement (for all four wheels):

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0...?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Would hate to get a flat and have to deal with these nuts with the standard lug wrench that comes with the spare in the trunk (would be impossible).

Replacing OEM lug nuts should be a "DO FIRST" for anyone buying a used FiST. The OEM nuts appear to be two-piece overdesigned BS and the inner piece must rust and expand after time.

BTW: OEM lug nuts were $5 each (!!!) at O'Reily's.

--Ernie

**2014 Oxford White w/Recaros and sunroof -- bought used in February 2017**
Mods (so far and in order):Chuanganzhu o Backup Camera and Monitor Kit/Boosted Designs Dead Pedal/Active Shift Designs Accel Pedal Lift Spacer/Mountune Hi-Flow Air Filter/Cobb AP/GFB DV+ Diverter Valve/DIY Symposer Delete (Dorman Plug w/safety wire)/DP Accessories Black Lug Nuts/DIY Plywood Cargo Floor Cover/Racing Depo intercooler and IC pipes/FS Werks Short Shifter/Mishimoto Intake Tube

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03-28-2017, 09:56 AM #23

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When I took my new-to-me 2014 FiST to get my winter tires put on last November I had the same issue. Ford replaced all the lug nuts under warranty though. I will be keeping these new ones for my winter wheels and see what happens to them next season. Will be looking for a set of aftermarket ones for my summer rims. Maybe something anodized.

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2014 Ford Fiesta ST - 100% stock
1992 Honda VFR400R NC30 -

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03-30-2017, 11:36 AM #24

**Ernie**

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An update for you. Got the black DP Accessories Lug Nuts in the mail today from Amazon:

DPAccessories LCB3B6HE-BK04016 16 Black 12x1.5 Closed End Bulge Acorn Lug Nuts - Cone Seat - 19mm Hex Wheel Lug Nut

Link:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0...?ie=UTF8&psc=1

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Took me an hour to do three wheels... Two of the lug nuts were downright awful since they were both overtightened and nearly rounded off.

Bottom Line: If you're running stock lug nuts, get these changed out before you get stuck on the side of the road with a flat.

**2014 Oxford White w/Recaros and sunroof -- bought used in February 2017**
Mods (so far and in order):Chuanganzhu o Backup Camera and Monitor Kit/Boosted Designs Dead Pedal/Active Shift Designs Accel Pedal Lift Spacer/Mountune Hi-Flow Air Filter/Cobb AP/GFB DV+ Diverter Valve/DIY Symposer Delete (Dorman Plug w/safety wire)/DP Accessories Black Lug Nuts/DIY Plywood Cargo Floor Cover/Racing Depo intercooler and IC pipes/FS Werks Short Shifter/Mishimoto Intake Tube

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03-30-2017, 12:01 PM #25

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| **City:** | LEWISTON |
| **State:** | ME |
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| **Posts:** | 171 |
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Wow i didn't know this was such an issue. Thats what mine looked like when i swapped my winter tires. I ordered some gorilla lugs. Crazy i thought i was the only one.

**2014 Tuxedo Black** Recaros-Navi-Sunroof
**Engine:**
**Cobb AP**-DHM Protune-93 Octane
**MAPerformance**-Front Mount Intercooler
**Depo Racing**-HI-Flow Catted Downpipe
**Injen**-SP Short Ram Air Intake
**NGK**-LTR7IX-11 Spark Plugs
**Boomba**-Symposer Delete, BOV Adapter
Resonator Delete
**Wheels and Suspension:**
Stock Grado's Wrapped in Pirelli P Zero Nero 205/40R17, Pierce Motorsports Trunk Brace
**EXTERIOR:**
**MAXTON DESIGN**- V2 Front Splitter, Rear Side Splitters, Spoiler Extension
20% Rear-35% Front Tint,LED Foglights,Reverse Lights,Interior Lights
**Boomba**-Wing Risers

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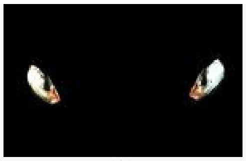
03-30-2017, 12:24 PM #26

LilPartyBox
Member

Just when i thought the list of issues on this platform was complete, now lug nuts. F'in lug nuts! Thanks for posting tho! I'll get this done before it bites me in the ass.



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*2016 Shadow Black w/ Recaros*
**Chassis:** MeisterR ZetaCRD+ Coilovers, Pierce Motorsports Torsion and 2 pt braces, Cobb Tuning sway bars
**Drivetrain:** FSWerks Short Shifter, Cobb Tuning RMM, MAPerformance Catback, Cobb Hangers, Stratified Tuning v.3 OTS, Depo Racing IC and piping, Cobb Tuning Intake w/ MAP vacuum, GFB DV+, MAP Catted DP (pending install)

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03-30-2017, 01:56 PM #27

## Spaceman_Spiff

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> Originally Posted by **brbauer2**
> *I went with these for replacements to avoid any issues with the OEM lugs. $116 seems crazy to pay.*

Can someone confirm that these gorilla ones will work? Amazon says they won't fit my car...

'16 FiST: White Platinum, Black wheels.

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03-30-2017, 02:49 PM #28

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Thats what you want. 12 x1.5mm

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**Boomba**-Wing Risers

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03-30-2017, 03:36 PM #29

**M-Sport fan**

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After seeing this^^^ I am SOOOO GLAD I changed out the stockers for McGard black chrome ones 2 months into ownership!!

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03-30-2017, 04:37 PM #30

brbauer2

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> Originally Posted by **Spaceman_Spiff**
> *Can someone confirm that these gorilla ones will work? Amazon says they won't fit my car...*

Those are the ones I bought and use. No issues through this last winter.

'16 **Molten Orange ST** *2Nov16 -*
'14 **Ruby Red SE** *14Feb14 - 2Nov16*
'12 **Red Candy SE** *23Nov11 - 14Feb14*

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04-28-2017, 08:43 AM #31

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Do we have acorn or cone lug nuts? Or is there a difference for the stock wheels?

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04-28-2017, 06:45 PM #32

**foodtruck**

New Member

I got hit by swollen lug nuts problem as well. It was really strange how the wrench socket I used for 2 prior years suddenly stopped working. Curiously enough, the emergency kit wrench is juuuust a bit larger that the exact spec size, which makes me wonder if they anticipated this problem.

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04-28-2017, 10:03 PM #33

**M-Sport fan**

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Magnetic 2016 Fiesta ST base model

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04-29-2017, 12:46 PM #34

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Member

For my prior car, I always used anti-seize on the nuts. Unfortunately I can't really use the old jacks for this car as it sits too low... and it seems to be difficult to find a good central and accessible point to jack this car up from in the first place.

> Originally Posted by **M-Sport fan**
>
> *Our factory lugs have a bad case of the adult male Mumps (the Gen-Xers, Millennials, and Gen-Yers will probably have to google what this is ;) ). LOL*

Since I had to do it anyway, thought I'd save others the trouble...
https://www.verywell.com/mumps-in-men-2328875
...sounds like punishment for blow job.

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04-29-2017, 04:17 PM #35

## Blindeye_03

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Do we have acorn or cone lug nuts? Or is there a difference for the stock wheels?

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04-29-2017, 05:44 PM #36

## M-Sport fan

Senior Member

PLATINUM WRENCH

> Originally Posted by **Blindeye_03**
>
> *Do we have acorn or cone lug nuts? Or is there a difference for the stock wheels?*

Acorn is a STYLE of closed end lug nut, whereas conical, or cone refers to the taper (usually 60*, like it is on our cars) on the lug hole side of said lug nut.

We can use any 60* conical taper seat, 12x1.5 lug nut out there on the market, although I would not use any so long (like some I have seen) that they extend out PAST the outside edge of even a

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deep concave dished wheel.
(Albeit in the center of the rotating area of the wheel, where many claim it will do less harm, it nonetheless adds unnecessary weight.)

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04-29-2017, 08:48 PM #37

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> *(Albeit in the center of the rotating area of the wheel, where many claim it will do less harm, it nonetheless adds unnecessary weight.)*

Thank you. I just saw that McGard calls their lugs 'cone' while Gorilla calls theirs 'acorn'. Wasnt sure if they were the same but it sounds like they are & they are just calling it a different name.

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05-01-2017, 05:28 AM #38

## Sam4

New Member

SILVER REP AWARD

Ernie:

How'd the diverter valve job go? I just took a look yesterday (got the valve Saturday), and dealt with my crummy nuts at the same time. Picked up a 20mm socket which still doesn't seem to be the right size - thanks for the Amazon link.

Back to the main question - how'd the valve install go?

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Sam

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07-31-2017, 06:50 PM #39

scotman

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My first solution was getting 04 Taurus lug nuts. Same type construction but longer. Giving more surface area for the wrench to work against. But, in the end, the capped lugs are not ideal for anyone who is frequently removing their wheels.

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08-01-2017, 08:51 AM #40

TomCat

Member

GOLD REP AWARD

Ordered these, will be installing in next few days.
Expensive (64 bucks for full set) but figured worth it.
Lifetime warranty, will probably outlast the car.

https://www.amazon.com/McGard-64015-...s=mcgard+64015

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EXCELLENT CHOICE!

I use these for my factory wheels only, as I'm afraid that the socket needed for their 3/4"/19mm hex will contact, and scrape all of the paint off of the lug 'wells' of my TD Pro Race 1.2s, so I use the Muteki SR35s for those wheels. ;)

I had used these for MANY years on my 4th gen f body, through salt soup winters and all, and they held up GREAT with NO corrosion whatsoever, and the black chrome plating looked new even after almost 10 years!

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08-02-2017, 09:17 PM #42

**marc89gti**

Member

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I too had mine replaced under the base warranty luckily, but I bought a set of Gorillas off of amazon for about $25

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